

Reduced Fee/Retired Status Information

You may be eligible for the Dental Board's reduced fee program if you:

- ✓ Have practiced dentistry in California for 20 years or more
- ✓ Have reach the age of retirement under the federal Social Security Act
- ✓ Customarily provide your services free of charge to any person, organization, or agency. In the event that charges are made, these charges shall be nominal. In no event shall the aggregate of these charges in any single calendar year be in an amount that would render you ineligible for full social security benefits.

If you qualify for the reduced fee, and your license is expired, you are still subject to pay all accrued renewal and delinquency fees before your license will be renewed.

If you qualify for a reduced fee/retired license status, you need to decide if you want your license as a retired active or retired inactive.

If you select retired active license status, you may still offer dental services. However, you must complete 50 hours of continuing education (including applicable mandatory courses) every two years, and pay the reduced license renewal fee.

If you select retired inactive status, you can no longer offer dental services, including the prescribing of medication. You must still pay reduced renewal fees, but are exempt from the continuing education requirement.